



James Robert Martin

July 18, 1928 - December 21, 2020

James Robert Martin, age 92 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 9:00 PM, Monday, December 21, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving family and wife Vivian of seventy years in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service honoring his life will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday, December 24, 2020 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Pastor Doug McClellan will officiate. A private committal service will immediately follow in Dodge Grove Cemetery. The visitation will be held at 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Jim was born July 18, 1928 in Carbondale, IL the son of the late Clyde and Katherine (Rockenmeyer) Martin. He married Vivian Louise Porter on August 24, 1950 in Murphysboro, IL. She survives. Other survivors include his children, Robert Martin and wife Tracy of Mattoon, IL, Judy Jines of Mattoon, IL, Elizabeth Jones of Mattoon, IL; four grandchildren, Leana Koontz and husband Josh of Charleston, IL, Ryan Donaldson and wife Shannon of Urbana, IL, Sean Jones and wife Payge of Lino Lakes, MN, Vanessa Hunter of Mattoon, IL; five great-grandchildren, Willow, Indy, Lincoln, Watson, and Xander; his sisters, Sue Glasco and husband Gerald of Marion, IL, and Rosemary Parks and husband Phil of Amarillo, TX.

After receiving a Master's in Science and Education at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL, Jim worked as assistant superintendent and interim superintendent of Mattoon School District from 1966-1987. Holding many offices in the Lion's Club, he was honored as Lion of the Year multiple

times. Proudly, Jim served his country in the US Army from 1946-1948 until he was honorably discharged.

Jim will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Flowers are welcome. Donations may be made to donor's choice.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
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Tribute Wall



“ *James Robert Martin*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Jim interviewed me for my teaching job in December of 1971 and hired me to begin my teaching career. I remember several conversations with him over time. Always a caring and helpful gentleman. Also teaching with Vivian at Hawthorne. Prayers for the family in this time of loss.*

Rick Nelson

Richard Nelson - December 23, 2020 at 04:32 PM



I worked very closely with Mr Martin when we were starting the LD program in CU#2. He was very patient and helpful during that time. His support when I moved to FL was invaluable. My condolences to his loved ones, he was a fine man.

Sarah Winfield - December 24, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James Robert Martin.*



December 23, 2020 at 11:42 AM

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“ I'll always remember how calm you were and so nice to be around. Always with a smile for us kids. You will be missed here on earth but oh what a reunion you will have with many that went before.

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Woods (Porter) - December 22, 2020 at 04:23 PM

CS

What a wonderful man to work with in school. He always was willing to give great advice. I'm a better man for having known him.

Clyde Self - December 23, 2020 at 07:57 AM

BH

Our thoughts are with the family of Jim as they cope with his passing. Jim was always a kind, caring, and sincere individual. We appreciate his devoted contribution to the Mattoon Schools and Community. In his honor, we are making a memorial gift to the Mattoon Food Bank.

Bill and Roberta Hollada

Bill and Roberta Hollada - December 23, 2020 at 11:00 PM